

Leicester, May 2<sup>d</sup>. 1836.

My dear Sir,

I enclose you two of the Calls which you left in this town. The one headed "John B. Perkins" is the one you sent to the Academy, & which has also had some circulation in the South part of the town. The other

paper is the one handed to Mr. Marshall Bigelow, — has some Worcester names, & one or two others, besides a very fair number, as you will see, from Leicester. The names on this paper from "John Nelson" (!) downwards were obtained by old Mr. Bigelow, who is now here, and desires affectionate remembrance to you. You will perceive the names of the 3 preceptors of the Academy; — Wright, Partridge, & Haven. Mr. Bigelow wanted me to tell you, that he had heard <sup>quite</sup> a number of persons speak of your lecture here, and all were pleased with it.

I have had an opportunity of distributing about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pamphlets you sent me — for which accept my thanks.

We are all well, and send love to yourself and wife. Believe me, most truly Yours. S. May. (lover)

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P.S.

The action of the Kentucky Synod (as mentioned in the Chr. Register of April 30<sup>th</sup>) on the subject of Slavery, seems to me one of the very most encouraging signs of the times. They are, I think, in the right way. I fervently hope that the Abolitionist party at the North will not say one word in blame, because they do not adopt the principle of immediate emancipation. Let them try their plan: - Oh! let them be encouraged & helped. They manifestly feel the wrong that is done to the slave, and are anxious for his mental - his spiritual regeneration. - I cannot but say to them, God speed you. When we see a Slave State stirring in the work, surely we ought to thank God heartily, & take courage.

Yours, most truly,

Sam<sup>l</sup>. May.

P.S. 2<sup>d</sup>. If the Call is published, will you have the kindness to send me a copy?

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